



# FAA Production Studio News

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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**H**appy Holidays to everyone! What fun we all had at the December 7 "Who's Line Is It Anyway" program and "Production Cast & Crew Christmas Party."

Ben Coleman was our host for the first "Who's Line Is It Anyway" program where crew members participated and acted out aviation scenarios with audience participation. Laughter abounded as we acted out a pilots First Solo, The First Flight, Breaking the Sound Barrier, VFR and IFR Flights and many other scenarios suggested by the audience.

Everyone had a great time and asked that we do it again.

The morning came to a close with a special surprise "Roast" of none other than our very own Obie Young. Ben reminded Obie of some of the very first presentations at the studio which included the infamous "fog machine" entrance reenacted by Obie II. Then a video with special guest appearances by some of his FAA friends followed by lot's of photo's, fun and funny memories from Obie's wife Ramona, Diego Alfonso, Steve Brady, Dee Davis and Ernie Strange.

It was a great tribute to Obie that reminded all of just how far the studio has come over the years because of Obie's hard work and dedication to aviation safety.

After the program we began the festivities of the party with lots of decorations, awards and a very special *Production Crew Band*. Many thanks to Ben Coleman, saxophone; Steve Graff, electric guitar and Don Jeerings, keyboard for our entertainment.

Everyone enjoyed a catered lunch from Tony's Airside Catering and lot's of door prizes thanks to Diego and

Lourdes Alfonso. *Many thanks to both of your for your hard work!*

Production Crew members attending received some special gifts of thanks for their participation and Ernie Strange, FASF President and Diego Alfonso, FAFI President, presented special awards to some of our crew.

Congratulations go to Steve Graff, Paul Thompson, Norma Jeerings, Billy and Adair Henderson and Dr. Bill Lowry who were the recipients of the coveted "*Prop Awards*." Those honored with a prop award have contributed unselfishly of their time, effort and expertise to foster the goal of aviation safety.

Next, we honored Alice Wilder, Dee Davis and Melody Bridges with the very special "*Crystal Flight*" award for their continued support to the studio and administration.

We also honored Bill Hoenstine, SPM; Ben Coleman, SPM; and Obie Young, SPM for their continued support and effort on behalf of the FAA Production Studio.

Special thanks go to each and every production crew member...without you and your support the incredible strides that have been made would not have happened. You are all "award winners!"

Many thanks and special recognition was also given to the Florida Aviation Safety Foundation Board members for their unending support. Thank you all!!









